Times-Virginian Editorials

SUPPOSE THERE IS AN ARMISTICE IN KOREA: WHAT THEN?

Recently it was the privilege of the writer to listen to a most informative address on the subject. If there is an Armistice in Korea: Then What? The speaker was a foreign correspondent who had been in Asia to report World War II and again for on-the-spot coverage of the Korean War. He knew, first-hand whereof he spoke

The burden of his address was the amazing placidity of the American people, and the responsibility of editors to rouse the awareness of their readers to the gravity of the menace of aggressive communism.

The speaker mentioned that he did not know of a page in history that told of a successful armistice where there had been no military victory. A stalemate is usually a presage to a preparation for renewed conflict. He felt, therefore, that the American people should be given to understand that an armistice in Korea under existing circumstances would settle little if anything, and would "pin down" indefinitely our best combat forces while we awaited the decision of the communists as to where and when they would strike again.

The pages of history, will record, in our opinion, that the period between World Wars I and II was but a lull in essentially the same war. Nothing was truly settled at Versailles. It is the belief of the writer that the Allies did not gain a clear-cut decision in World War I. The end of World War II, however, saw German defeat complete; the war is being followed by an occupation, and relations between Germany and the democracies should be peaceful for many decades. The same should hold for Japan, if our diplomats act smartly in the Far East.

The situation at the moment of cease-fire discussions in Korea a year ago was analagous to the situation at the armistice of World War I. An advantage had been won, and a victor indicated, but the will to resist of the North Korean side was not manifest. And even had the UN forces driven to the Yalu River, bombed Manchurian bases, the communists would have registered defiance from other Asiatic strongholds. A complete victory would have called for replacement of the Red regime in China, an eventuality to which the UN has not approached in strength.

Thus we are on the horns of a dilemma.

An armistice, after all of these tedius months of negotiation, would be hailed by the people of America, who have so much at stake. But, at best, it could mean that for many years we would have to maintain combat divisions in constant readiness, and bear the concommitant tax burden of huge military budgets. A dreaded alternative would be to wage what would be our costliest war.

It would seem to us, therefore, that one ray of hope is for a world situation where the preponderance of the free democracies was so apparent that disarmement would be forced upon the communist bloc of nations.

Thus, most informed Americans are in basic agreement with present American foreign policy. Help our friends to rearm and also help them to rebuild their sagging economy; suffer a few years of tremendous burden to attain a peak of strength; and from this strong position confront the communist bloc with the obvious evidence that aggression would mean sure defeat.

Russia is capable of unpredictable courses. But once a great preponderance of might is possessed by the free world, no unpredicted act could do us in. Under such circumstances even a World War II would be of short duration, and would open the door to long years of peace.

The current outlook is not too happy. There are many uses to which we would prefer to see all these tax billions put. Paying on our national debt is one of them; another transfer of our resources from the tax destination to one of business expansion and upbuilding of the march of progress. And there are so many things for youth to do in preference to spending the formative years of life in uniform.

But, the die is cast and the wheel of fortune spins. The only sensible course is to build strength. We are convinced that there is no alternative. Isolationism is as outmoded as the Model T. We can not "vote out" world leadership. Our national destiny has thrust world leadership upon us. Just as our forefathers accepted their destiny at Concord and Lexington, at Fort Sumter, and at Pearl Harbor, so our generation will dedicate itself to the cause of "strength for peace" and not weary in our march toward the green pastures of security.

MARRIAGES IN VIRGINIA

(The Petersburg Progress-Index)

A professor at the College of William and Mary has come up with some interesting comments concerning marriage in Virginia. It. Wayne Kernodle, chairman of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at the Williamsburg school presented his points on the nuptial state in a University of Virginia News Letter.

Professor Kernodle drew heavily on statistics to back up his overall conclusions as to trends in Virginia marriages, and he emphasized the need for more thorough research into this field with the aim of determining a pattern for the future of the family in the commonwealth.

Among other points, he brought attention to these facts, the percentage of married adults in the state increased fairly steadily from 1890 to 1950; the age at which Virginians marry has generally declined in this 60-year period; and the church has gradually lost control over marriage through a corresponding loss of its hold on the wedding ceremony.

Another trend taken for granted in some quarters, but which demands further examination according to Professor Kernodle is the increase in the number of divorces and the rising rate of remarriages by divorced persons.

Throughout his article Professor Kernodle harks back to a belief which may have escaped the notice of many experts in the field of marital relations. This is the idea that, although there are many studies on marriage available from qualified sources, there is a deplorable lack of information at hand on anything but the so-called "average" or normal family or marriage. The emphasis in research evidently has been on the general rather than the particular, and this has helped to obscure the fact that such studies are dealing with real people and not mere statistics.

NO SOUTHERNERS LAST LONGER

(Portsmouth Star)

Perhaps no comment about Congress is more commonly accepted as a truism than the statement that the deans of the House in point of service are always Southerners.

Representative Roy R. Wodoruff's announcement that he plans to retire at the end of his present term prompts a re-examination of this seldom-challenged point. The Michigan Republican will have completed seventeen terms, or thirty-four years in the House.

Only six members have served as long or longer. They are Representatives Sabath of Illinois, Doughton of North Carolina, Rayburn of Texas, Vinson of Georgia, Crosser of Ohio and Reed of New York.

In other words, of the seven members who have remained longest in the House only three—Doughton, Rayburn and Vinson—are Southerners.

Carved in stone at Mount Rushmore in South Dakota are the faces of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, and Abraham Lincoln.

George Washington had no middle usually covered by a white wig.

Tin Pan Alley is a section of New York.

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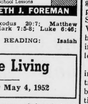
SCRIPTURE: Exodus 20:7; Matthew 5:33-37; 23:16-22; Mark 7:8-13; Luke 6:46; 14:1-4.
DEVOTIONAL READING: Isaiah 1:16-18.

Profane Living

Lesson for May 4, 1952

NO ONE has ever claimed that profane language is good language, not even the people who use it. But there is something worse than profane language: a profane life.



Dr Foreman

We are told in the New Testament that Esau was a profane man, but in all that the Bible tells of him we never hear him uttering a single bad word. The Third Commandment is: **Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.** (In some numberings it is the second commandment, but it's not the number that is most important, it is what is in it that counts. Most people think that all that means is that we should not take lightly the name of God. Indeed we should not; it is surely a sin to treat the Almighty God with less respect than you would treat your own parents. But irreverent language is only a symptom; the disease is the irreverent life.

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God's Name Should Mean Something

LOOK at that Commandment a little more closely. What does "in vain" mean?

In the Old Testament the same word is often used to mean useless, uselessly, or to no purpose. (See, for example, Psalm 60:11; 89:47; 108:12; Jeremiah 4:30; 46:11.)

What the Third Commandment means, then, most of all, is this: Do not take the name of God and make a lie out of it. Do not take the name of God to no purpose.

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If This Is Your Father's World—

LET'S ASSUME you are a Christian. If so, you have already taken God's name, when you were being baptized into "the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost." You have taken upon yourself the great Triune Name of the living God, you are one of his namebearers, you have acknowledged your place in his family.

Now then, look on the world around you, the stars above you, the atoms below and in you, all that lives and moves and is . . . Do you sing, "This is my Father's world"?

MY Father's world—do you mean that? You ought to mean it. If you do, you will always treat that world with respect; you will not, for instance, waste its resources. If you own land you will treat that land as if it were your Father's—which it is. If you own animals you will remember that the same Lord who made you made them, and you will not be cruel.

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You Have a Birthright

ESAU is called a profane man, and in the same sentence it is said that he despised his birthright. Profane living means not living up to the plans God has for you, it means living below your true self.

The man who lets the image of God in him get all smeared over with sin and self-indulgence, the man who prefers the society of God's enemies to that of his friends, the man who in spite of his baptism lives as if he had never been baptised, the man who never reminds any one of God even though in some card-index he is listed as a "church member," the man who though he is God's namebearer is a God-forgetter, living as if the devil were his father and not God,—this is the profane man.

If such a man uses profanity of speech, and he probably will, his language is only the bubbles on the top of a very sour life. You the Christian have a birthright as a child of God; do you live up to it?

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Whose Plans?

IF you are a name-bearer of God, then if you live up to that name the least you can do is to take God into your plans, or rather to fit yourself into his plans.

If, for instance, you are going to be married you will not leave God out. You will want to be married in a Christian way, and take the Christian vows. The word "God" used harriedly in a merely legal ceremony is taken lightly and vainly enough.

But even more profane is the married life which began in a church at an altar, with the most solemn vows; but ends in loveless neglect or in cruel bitterness. Don't leave God out!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Times-Virginian:
To The Editor:

Improvement of the school system in Appomattox County is essential and imperative. The question is how this can be brought about? At the present time I've heard arguments concerning these viewpoints: A. More taxes (County, State or Federal), B. Centralization Vs. De-centralization, C. New buildings Vs. present (old) buildings, and D. New locations Vs. old locations.

As I think of the arguments being presented to the people, centralization, de-centralization, new buildings, old buildings, new locations, and old locations, I cannot help asking myself these questions: (1) Can we ever control-from-under government controlled education if we do not provide county tax money for our own county schools? (2) If we do centralize, shouldn't it be more efficient and therefore cut our county educational cost? (3) If we get more money, new buildings and new locations but keep the same county educational officials and the same teachers, can there be an improvement in our schools?

To me the third question is the question of real importance to be decided by the patrons and people of Appomattox County.

To those conscientious highly efficient and well qualified teachers, the backbone of our school system, I extend the thanks we should have long ago. **We need more like them.**

Stuart Farrar.

Pamplin.

PAYS TRIBUTE TO VIRGINIA COMMISSION

"American Field," a weekly magazine published in Chicago, devoted its entire editorial space in the April 5 issue to the activities of the Virginia Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries, according to I. T. Quinn, executive director of the Commission.

The editorial paid tribute to the Commission for its long range wildlife program and emphasized the Commission activities in its farm and forest game habitat improvement program. The editorial cited instances where farm habitat improvements had more than doubled the quail population.

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ater Fishing Anticipated

Va., April 30.- The ater fishing season is ning regarded with con optimism by many East- Virginia fishing guides eir uncanny knack of esent conditions to ume trends, are fore- the season of 1952 will e red 'n reeler, the Council reports.

most part, guides and feel that the excep- winter which the East- experienced will in- ones" to run earlier his year. Drum, they are being caught at one at dates in a long time,

last year, and have have come even earlier this year. The fishing captains point to the fact that some fish that usually migrate southward in the winter have not taken leave of the Eastern Shore waters this year as a result of the unusually temperate conditions. In some Chesapeake tributaries, especially in Northampton County, anglers have enjoyed an almost continuous season of trolling for striped bass. The big stripers generally disappear in the late fall and come back in the spring.

A sure sign of spring fishing is the announcement that croakers are being caught just to the south of Virginia. These fish, which afford a lot of fun and good eating, generally stick to the deeper waters of channels, in their trek northward thereby passing safely the pound nets of commercial fishermen and giving sports fishermen an opportunity for some good angling.

Registering complete faith in the forecasts of these men who live by and on the water are owners and operators of many other businesses. Hotel, tourist court, and sports fishing equipment business owners are expending hundreds of thousands of dollars preparing better accomodations and facilities for what they believe will be a season of unprecedented numbers of fishermen, many of whom will be discovering for the first time, the bountiful fishing grounds of the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

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ADVANTAGES OF TRENCH SILOS

Trench silos will provide inexpensive and safe storage for silage.

G.. D. Kite, associate agricultural engineer at VPI, says a trench can be dug by a bulldozer in 10 or 12 hours, depending on the type of soil and size, at a cost of $100 to $150.

The trench should be wider at the top than at the bottom, to permit packing at the sides as the silage settles. The width and depth of the trench are determined by the amount of silage to be fed each day. The length is determined by the number of days the silage is to be fed.

The trench silo should be located so as uniform a depth as possible can be obtained along the entire length. The bottom should be sloped with an adrupt drop near the open end to provide drainage.

Silage, which is generally chopped when placed in the trench, can be unloaded from a wagon or a dump truck, either by driving through or dumping from the sides. Kite says driving a tractor or truck over the silage in the trench will aid packing. Some farmers are reporting success in using long hay in the trenches when it is packed properly. However, long silage must be cut with a knife or power saw to get it out.

Silage should be heaped up so that when it settles the top is slightly higher in the center. Put wet straw or heavy paper on top, and then cover with 6 to 12 inches of dirt or ground limestone to pack silage and reduce spoilage.

Low first cost, and ease of getting in and out, are main advantages of the trench silo. Kite also has a labor-saving suggestion - some farmers are using a portable manger in the trench. The manger is moved as the silage is fed out. Four or five cows can get into the trench at one time to eat from the portable feeding arrangement. This eliminates much handling of the silage.

Upright silos also have proved very successful and are more permanent. If the trench silo is to be used more than one or two years, the floors and walls should be lined with concrete to keep the walls in place.

Kite also says that some farmers are stacking silage in round or rectangular stacks without covering or protection. This is a relatively new method, and not much is known about it. Estimated cost runs from 10 to 20 per cent.

Details on silos are available in USDA Bulletin 1820, "Silos." Ask your county agent for a free copy.

TROUT SEASON OPENS

Everybody and his uncle are gearing themselves for the opening day of the trout season in Virginia, which will open at 12:00 noon, E. S. T., May 1, according to I. T. Quinn, executive director of the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries.

Opening day will find hundreds of eager fishermen along most of the state's 132 stocked trout streams. The Commission, according to fish division chief, G. W. Buller, planted over 150 tons of the finest quality trout prior to Anril 20 of this year.

Clover Hill Road

CLOVER HILL ROAD, April 29.- Mr. and Mrs. Harry Byrd Giles were the recipients on Saturday evening of a shower of lovely gifts for their new home. Mesdames E. T. and Vernell Mitchell were hostesses for the party, which was held at the high school cafeteria. There were thirty-four present.

Mrs. Wilson Paulette spent the week-end with relatives in Irvington, Va.

Mrs. Jacob Lewis entertained at lunch on Thursday of last week, honoring the birthday of Mrs. Bessie Trent. Guests for the occasion included Mesdames S. B. Kidd, L. W. Carter, Robert Gilbert, Robert Trent and son, Bobby, and Mrs. Thomas Richardson and girls. Mrs. Trent received many nice and useful gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Richardson and daughters, Kathrine, Cynthia, and Jane will attend the May Day Festival at Sweet Briar College on Saturday, May 3.

Mrs. L. W. Carter is spending some time in Shipman, Va., with her son and daughter-in-law, both of whom are sick.

Mrs. F. W. Hanenkrat is celebrating her birthday Wednesday, April 30.We wish her many happy returns of the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Keys had as their guests for the week-end Mrs. Keys' mother and Mr. Ralph Siffert, of Jonesboro, Tenn.

Carolyn and Jo Gills, grandchildren of Mrs. W. J. Gills are recovering from recent tonsil operations.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hancock and two sons spent Saturday night in the home of Mrs. Jesse Torrence.

Mrs. W. L. Turnes was the honoree on Sunday, April 27, at a birthday dinner given by her daughter, Mrs. B. C. Gilliam, of Farmville. All of her children were with her except one. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Torrence, Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Covington, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coleman and Mrs. J. A. Conner, of Appomattox, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hancock and children, of Richmond. Mrs. Turnes will be eighty years old April 29, and is still as spry as "sweet sixteen."

"Home and community beautification," our federation goal in home demonstration clubs this year, seems to really mean something to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Torrence. They are remodeling in a big way, putting in bath and brick-veneering their home. Here's hoping many others will follow their example.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Torrence and son, Charles David, visited her mother, Mrs. J. E. Williams in Lynchburg Sunday.

Another April birthday! Seems like everyone was born in April! Russell Allen (Samba) Conner celebrated his seventh on April 26th. He had as guests Michael and Larry Torrence, Mrs. C. D. Torrence and son, David and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Torrence.

Mrs. Banks Frazier and daughter, Judy are visiting her mother, Mrs. W. P. Gills, who is sick at this writing.

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